Update on Key Transition and Smarter Balanced Assessment Development Activities

Presentation to EDCO Liaisons
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Technology Update

- Technology Readiness Calculator

- Technology Preparedness Survey

- Server Hosting

Smarter Balanced Technology Readiness Calculator

http://www3.cde.ca.gov/sbactechcalc/

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- Online tool to help schools estimate the number of days and network bandwidth required to complete assessments

- Inputs: number of students, number of computers, computer hours available per day, Internet connection speed

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CDE Technology Preparedness Survey

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- LEA-level survey to help CDE gain understanding of available technology resources for administering Smarter Balanced assessments

- Survey window: June 21 to July 19

- Survey completed by 355 districts, 13 COEs, and 22 independent charter schools

CDE Technology Preparedness Survey (cont.)

- "What is your level of confidence … that you can test all students in 12 weeks?" (complete, considerable, some, little)

- "Rate your level of confidence that schools have an adequate number of computers to support Smarter Balanced Assessments?"
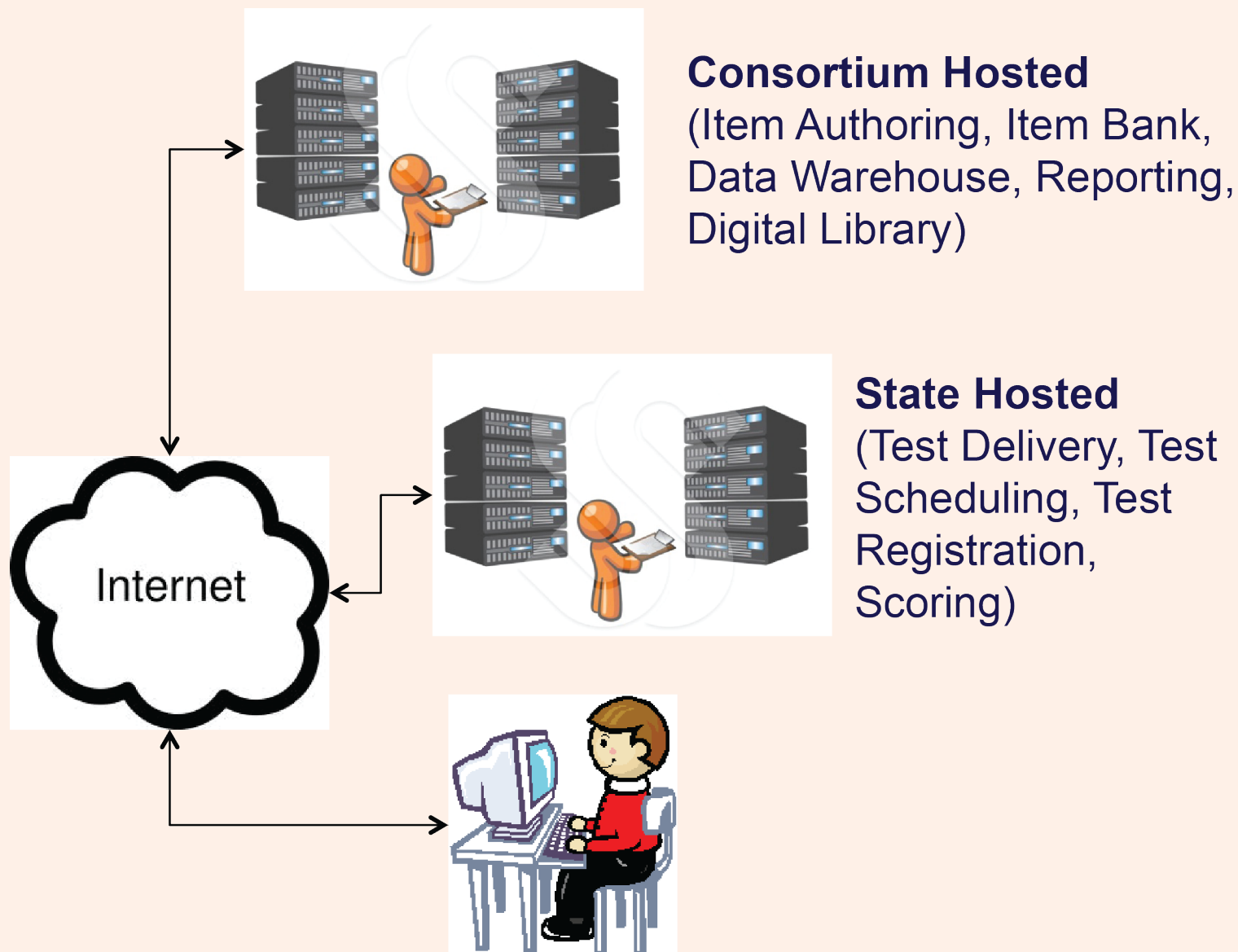
- Network bandwidth

- IT support personnel

CDE Technology Preparedness Survey (cont.)

- Facilities

- What are your IT needs in different areas? (low/moderate/high)

- What are your IT needs in <specified> areas? (low/moderate/high)

- Preparedness Survey (LEA-level) different from the Technology Readiness Tool (specific to school-level technology)

Smarter Balanced Server Hosting

Consortium Hosted
(Item Authoring, Item Bank, Data Warehouse, Reporting, Digital Library)

State Hosted
(Test Delivery, Test Scheduling, Test Registration, Scoring)

Internet

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Smarter Balanced Technology Resources

- Smarter Balanced Technology http://www.smarterbalanced.org/technology/

- CDE Smarter Balanced Technology http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/sbac-itr-index.asp

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- Transition and Smarter Balanced Update – Item 5 http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr13/agenda201307.asp

- Video of CDE presentation available at http://www3.cde.ca.gov/video/sbe/sbemeeting20130710-item05.asx

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Legislative Update

- Assembly Bill 484 (Bonilla)

  – Passed by the Senate Education Policy Committee on June 14, 2013

  – Last amended on July 3, 2013

To review full bill text and track bill status visit http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml

Initial Cost Estimates for Smarter Balanced in California

- Two options presented to the State Board of Education in July:

  – Option 1: Complete System – $66 million
    - Summative Assessments
    - Interim Assessments
    - Formative Tools

  – Option 2: Basic System – $58 million
    - Summative Assessments only

- Updated cost estimates expected at September SBE meeting

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Double-Testing Flexibility from the U.S. Department of Education

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- June 18, 2013 announcement of waiver consideration to help states participating in the Smarter Balanced Field Test avoid the double-testing of students

- Further information needed from the ED

- CDE will recommend to the State Board of Education that California request a waiver

- Letter from SSPI to LEAs sent July 19, 2013

Selection of California Educators for Upcoming Smarter Balanced Development Activities

- Pilot and field test item development
  - 80 educators selected

- Digital Library State Network of Educators
  - 150 educators selected

Overview of California's State Network of Educators

- Geographic location
  - North = 37%
  - Central = 18%
  - South = 45%

- Grade band taught
  - K-2 = 34%
  - 3-5 = 49%
  - 6-8 = 61%
  - 9-12 = 57%
  - Higher Ed = 11%

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Overview of California's State Network of Educators

- Content area expertise
  - English-language arts = 48%
  - Math = 34%
  - Science = 6%
  - Social Science = 14%
- Ethnicity
  - White = 56%
  - Hispanic = 16%
  - Asian = 7%
  - African American = 3%
  - More than 2 ethnicities = 2%
  - Declined to state = 15%

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Smarter Balanced Accessibility and Accommodations Guidelines

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- Provides guidance for selecting and administering accommodations and accessibility tools

- Draft document expected to be released for public review in mid-August

Recently Released Resources

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- Practice test notification letter template for LEAs

- Practice Test scoring guides

- Smarter Balanced: Fact vs. Fiction

Practice Test Parent and Guardian Notification Letter Template

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- To assist LEAs in announcing the availability of the Smarter Balanced Practice Tests

- Can be placed on school or district letterhead

- Available in English, Spanish, and 17 other languages at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp

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Smarter Balanced Practice Test Scoring Guides

- Released on July 1, 2013

- Available at http://sbac.portal.airast.org/Practice_Test/resources.html.

- Includes guides for Braille version for grades 3, 7, and 11 in mathematics and for grades 4, 7, and 11 in ELA

- Scoring guides for Practice Test performance tasks expected in August

Smarter Balanced
Fact vs. Fiction

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- Addresses common concerns and misinformation

- Topics include federal policy, test validity, data collection, and cost of new assessments

- Available on the CDE Smarter Balanced Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta /tg/sa/smarterbalresources.asp.

Next Smarter Balanced Update for EDCO Liaisons

- Thursday, August 15, 2013

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